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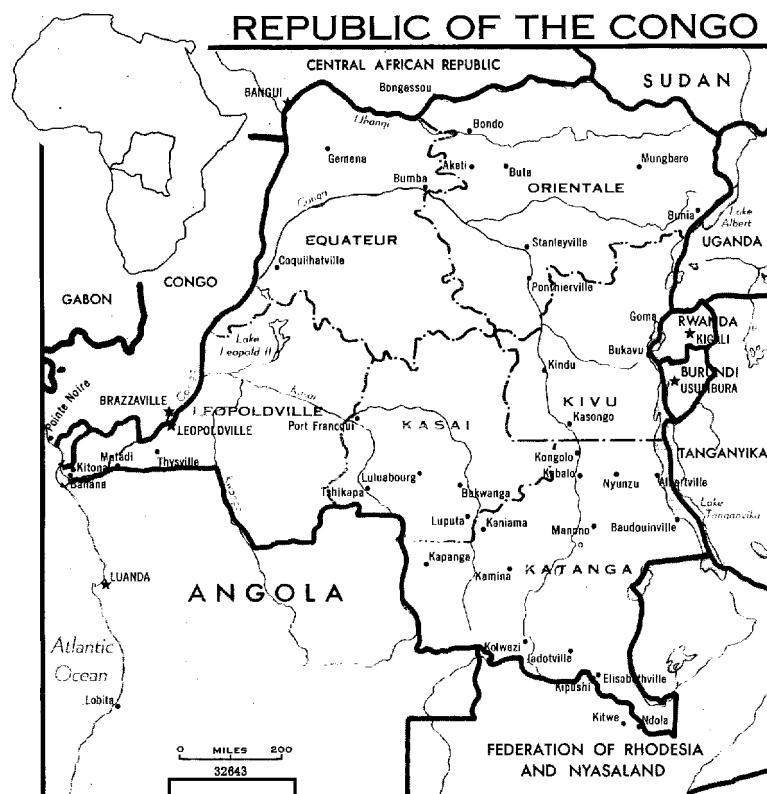
India - Communist China: The military situation along the border remains unchanged.

Indications are growing that Nehru intends to reshuffle his cabinet, possibly in about ten days, in order to strengthen the defense effort. Press reports from New Delhi state that Nehru plans to turn over the defense ministry to Y. B. Chavan, chief minister at Bombay of the state of Maharashtra. Nehru may also form a ministry of supply, which would include defense production among its expanded responsibilities. The new ministerial post would go to T. T. Krishnamachari, former finance minister whom Nehru brought back to the cabinet, without portfolio, in April.

Chavan, at 48, has acknowledged political and administrative skills, and would bring needed direction and confidence to the defense ministry. Chavan appears to have no strong convictions on foreign issues. Like Krishnamachari, he would probably hew close to the middle course set by Nehru. Their appointments would be intended by Nehru in part to offset the preponderant conservative influence in the cabinet since Krishna Menon's departure.

Nehru told a press conference on 12 November that he doubted Menon would resume his leadership of the Indian UN delegation, but he was "not dead sure."

Further hardening of Peiping's already tough stand on the border issue is reflected by an article in the 11 November People's Daily. The article attacks US military assistance to India--called by the Chinese a development of "historic significance"



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ending India's pretended nonalignment. Peiping charges that the US and India have actually been allies all along even though no formal ties exist.

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East Germany: The Ulbricht regime is concerned over the likelihood of adverse popular reaction to worsening food shortages.

Since early 1962 it has imported food from both Western and Communist-bloc sources. Now, because of the spread of disease among livestock herds, domestic meat production will further decline in 1963 and 1964.

In addition to brucellosis, TB and hog cholera, which are endemic, hoof-and-mouth disease affecting cattle and hogs apparently is widespread. Slaughter of afflicted animals would increase meat supplies in the short run but would depress stocks in 1963 and perhaps in 1964 as well.

After what it deems "proper processing," the East German regime may market meat from the diseased animals. The East German public attributes the cause of last spring's dysentery epidemic in part to improperly processed meat.

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